



2014 ADULT TRAINING PROGRAM

Pre-Application Meeting #2 Questions and Answers

1. What is the anticipated award date?

- a. DOES cannot give an anticipated award date at this time. An anticipated award date will be given two (2) weeks after the RFA due date of 1/31/2014.

2. Where do the programs get their participants?

- a. While DOES will refer participants to the selected Grantees, it is the Grantees' responsibility to recruit and enroll participants into their programs.

3. Can a provider be on the eligible training provider list and be grant-funded?

- a. Yes. However, the requirements for each are distinctly different, and Applicants are expected to meet all requirements to be awarded a grant.

4. What commitment is coming from DOES to retain participants?

- a. DOES has created this RFA to find qualified Applicants that can provide retention services as a condition of their grant award.

5. Will there be individuals on the review panel with technical expertise in each industry?

- a. No. DOES expects that the Applicant is the expert in their field and will write their proposals accordingly.

6. Should the 1-page timeline be formatted on a monthly basis?

- a. This will vary based on the program and the courses/certification offered.

7. Is there anything in the anti-deficiency act that can stop payments other than non-performance?

- a. The anti-deficiency law does not pertain to performance, but rather the proper authorization of funding commitments. If a grant is awarded, it would only be terminated by default or convenience which does not apply to the anti-deficiency law.

8. Does the grantee have to accept every referral made by DOES.

- a. No.

9. How is monitoring done?

- a. Once a Grantee receives a notice of grant award (NOGA), they will be contacted by their assigned monitor. At that time, monitoring policies and procedures will be given to the Grantee.

10. Can a vendor offer multiple pathways in one (1) cohort?

- a. Yes.

11. Are Applicants able to submit a budget up front for all four (4) option years?

- a. No. They should only submit a budget for the initial grant award.

12. What documents can be used as proof to show actual expenditures?

- a. A variety of documents can be submitted to show actual expenditures, including receipts or billing statements. This will vary based on the item you are billing for.

13. Is the vendor responsible for the creation of their retention process?

- a. Yes.

14. How do vendors specify a start and end date for their program?

- a. This is dependent on the program and the certification/credential they are offering.

15. Is the 1-page timeline required?

- a. Yes.

16. If a vendor wishes to exercise their option year, are they able to make changes to their program?

- a. Yes, pending DOES approval.

17. Was the removal of the Clean Hands requirement amended in the RFA?

- a. Yes.

18. Does the required budget need to be broken down into a 40/40/20 payment structure?

- a. No.

19. It is a requirement that Applicants be certified by OSSE?

- a. Yes. It is a District law and requirement for this RFA.

20. There is no mention of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). Do Applicants have to provide said "credit-bearing" "occupational skills training." If so, why was OSSE not mentioned in the RFA and will there be an addition extension based on your response and remediation of this oversight?

- a. Please see Attachment O of the RFA. OSSE will fall under the category of "applicable regulatory body."

21. Do Applicants have to have the space prior to award?

- a. Yes. Please see Attachment N of the RFA.